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FM AMEMBASSY LISBON

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TAGS: PINT, PINS, PO

SUBJ: CDS LOSING FINANCIAL SUPPORT

REF: LONDON 7770

1. CENTRO DEMOCRATICO SOCIAL (CDS) DEPUTY LEADER AMARO DA COSTA DISCUSSED RECENT TRIP TO BRITAIN, FRANCE, AND GERMANY WITH EMBOFF. HE STATED HE HAD HAD "VERY GOOD" CONVERSATIONS, PARTICULARLY WITH CONSERVATIVE PARTY LEADERS IN LONDON, BUT NO OFFERS OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT. HE CLAIMED THAT THREE PORTUGUESE BANKERS (WHOM HE DID NOT IDENTIFY) IN PARIS HAD PROVIDED \$1,000,000 TO SELF-EXILED CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY TITULAR SECRETARY GENERAL SANCHES OSORIO. ACCORDING TO AMARO DA COSTA, BANKERS HAVE CONCLUDED THAT CHANCES FOR AFFECTING PORTUGUESE POLITICAL PROCESS FROM WITHIN SYSTEM ARE NIL; THEREFORE THEY ARE BACKING CLANDESTINE ACTIVITY. SINCE CDS WANTS TO CONTINUE FIGHT AS A LEGITIMATE DEMOCRATIC PARTY, BANKERS (AND OTHER POSSIBLE FINANCIAL

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BACKERS) CONSIDER IT "TRAITOROUS" AND ARE REFUSING FINANCIAL

SUPPORT.

2. COMMENT: EMBASSIES BONN, LONDON, MADRID, AND PARIS MAY HAVE
OPPORTUNITY PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INSIGHTS. EMBASSY LONDON'S REPORTS
ON CDS ACTIVITIES (REFTEL) HAVE BEEN VERY HELPFUL AND ARE
GREATLY APPRECIATED.
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